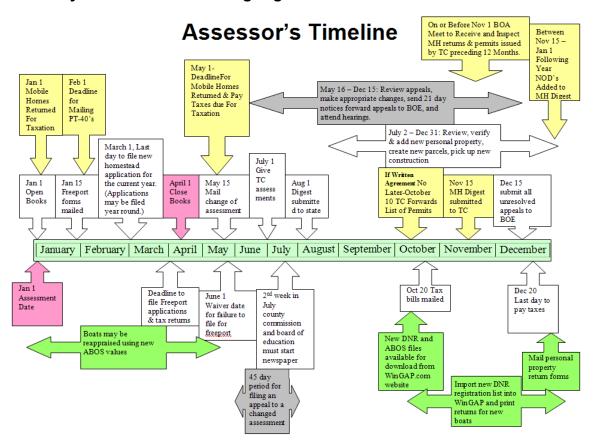
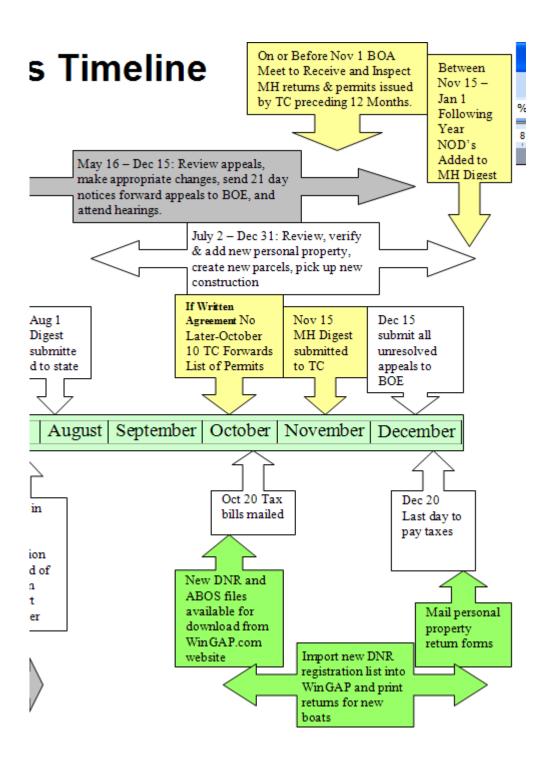
# **Digest Procedures**

Yearly Time Line for Building Digest



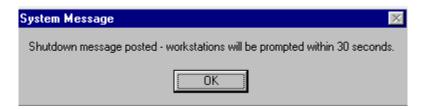
Assessors Timeline (After Digest Submission)



# Year End Cleanup

#### Broadcast Shutdown Message

When WinGAP is run on networks, occasionally it is necessary to get all users out of the program to perform certain WinGAP maintenance functions, such as reindexing, year end cleanup, or program updates. The Broadcast Shutdown Message option on the Tools>File Maintenance Menu makes it easy for the WinGAP System Manager or WinGAP Technical Support agent to send a message to all WinGAP users that they need to temporarily get out of WinGAP. Clicking the Broadcast Shutdown Message produces the following window, informing the Systems Manager that the message has been sent over the network.



Within 30 seconds of the Systems Manager sending the message, users on each computer on the network that are running WinGAP at the time the message is sent will receive the following message.



Until the user exits WinGAP, they will continue to receive this message about every 30 seconds. The message is generated by a text file that the Systems Manager sends to each users' computer. Once the system or program maintenance is finished, the Systems Manager can delete the message text file on each users' computer so that the Shutdown Message will not reappear once they go back into WinGAP(see Clear Shutdown Message, discussed next). The users must be told verbally or by other means that WinGAP is once again available for use.

### Clear Shutdown Message

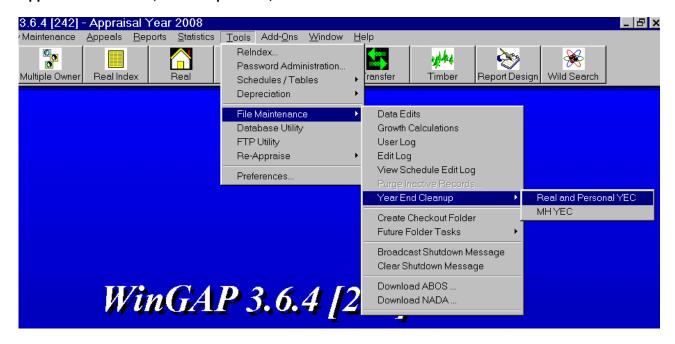
When the system or program maintenance that required users to exit WinGAP is completed, the WinGAP Systems Manager can delete the message text file that is sent to WinGAP users by clicking the Clear Shutdown Message option on the Tools>File Maintenance Menu. The following message will appear on the Systems Manager's computer.



WinGAP users must be told verbally or by other means that WinGAP is once again available for use.

### Performing Year End Cleanup

After all work on the County's tax digest has been finished for the year, the tax digest has been approved, and prior to beginning digest work for next year, the Year End Cleanup option on the Tools>File Maintenance Menu should be performed. Before this procedure is run, a backup of the current Appraisal Year folder, for example 2008, should be made and the files archived.

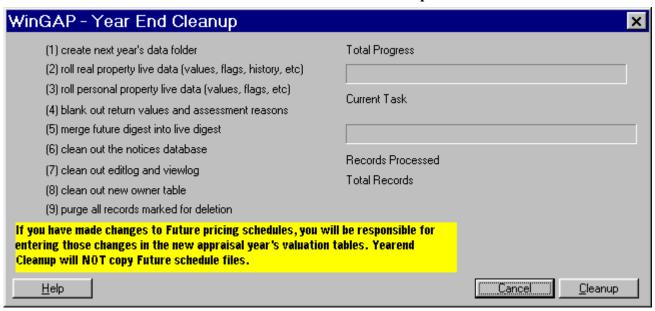


The Year End Cleanup option on the Tools >> File Maintenance Menu produces a submenu with two options: Real and Personal YEC (Year End Cleanup), and MH YEC (Manufactured Housing Year End Cleanup). Each of these options are explained below.

### • Real and Personal YEC

After all work on the County's tax digest has been finished for the year, the tax digest has been approved, and prior to beginning digest work for next year, the **Real and Personal YEC** option on the **Tools** >> **File Maintenance** >> **Year End Cleanup** Menu, above, should be performed.

Clicking on the Year End Cleanup option produces a window that informs the user of the actions that Year End Cleanup will perform, as seen on the next page.

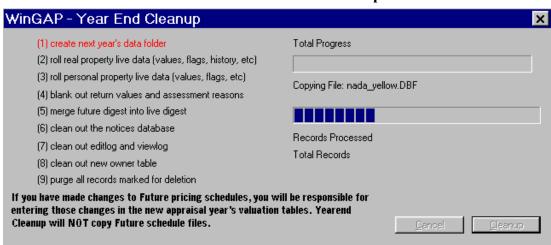


As shown on the screen, Year End Cleanup performs nine different procedures:

- 1) Create next year's data folder;
- 2) Roll real property live data, such as values, flags, and history into next year's data folder;
- 3) Roll personal property live data, (values, flags, etc.) into next year's data folder;
- 4) Blank out return values and assessment reasons;
- Merge future digest into live digest;
- 6) Clean out the notices database;
- Clean out editlog and viewlog;
- 8) Clean out new owner table:
- 9) Purge all records marked for deletion.

These procedures should be read carefully. If the user is unsure whether to perform these procedures, the Cancel Button should be clicked to return to the main WinGAP screen. Otherwise, the Cleanup Button should be clicked to begin Year End Cleanup. As this process goes forward two bar graphs will display the progress, and the description of each item being processed in the list of procedures will first turn red, then blue when it is completed, as is seen in the two images on the next page. Various messages will also display between the two bargraphs as the Year End Cleanup process continues. Depending upon the number of real property parcels, personal property accounts, improvements, sketches, etc., the process could last from less than a minute to a few minutes.

**NOTE:** As highlighted on the Year End Cleanup form in YELLOW, if the Assessors' Office has made changes to the Future pricing schedules, those changes must be re-entered in the new appraisal year's schedule tables. Year End Cleanup will NOT copy schedule files.

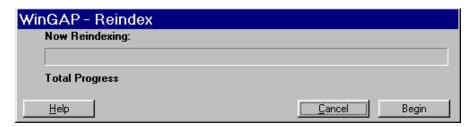




When Year End Cleanup is finished, a reindex message will appear informing the user of the need to reindex, as shown below.



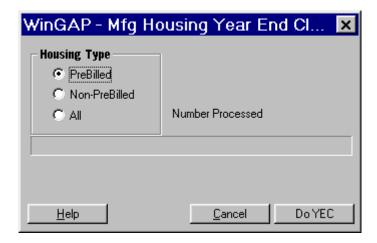
Clicking the OK button will produce the Reindex window, below, where the Begin Button can be clicked to start the reindex process. When reindexing is finished, the user will be returned to the main WinGAP screen.



#### MH YEC

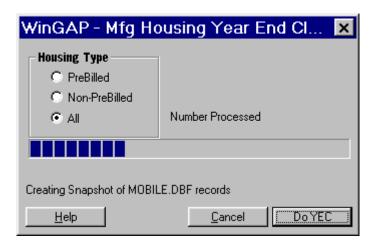
**NOTE:** If the Manufactured Housing Year End Cleanup was run after the MH Digest Export was concluded, it should not be run with this option unless there are changes that need to be incorporated into the previous year's data.

After all work on the County's Manufactured Housing digest has been finished for the year, the tax digest has been approved, and prior to beginning digest work for next year, the MH YEC option on the Tools >> File Maintenance >> Year End Cleanup Menu, above, should be performed. Selecting this option will produce the MH Housing Year End Cleanup Form, as seen on the next page.

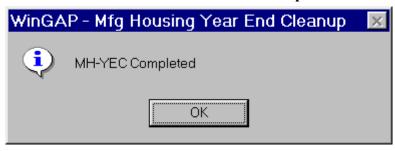


The Housing Type section on the form will default to PreBilled Manufactured Housing. This or either of the other two Housing Type options can be selected to proceed. The Do YEC button should be clicked to start the Year End Cleanup process.

Various messages and a bar graph will display on the Year End Cleanup form as the records are processed, as seen below.



At the conclusion of the process, the user will be informed that the Manufactured Housing Year End Cleanup has been completed, as seen on the next page.



Clicking the OK button will return the user to the Year End Cleanup form, where Cancel can be clicked to return to the WinGAP main screen.

#### **Future Folder Tasks**

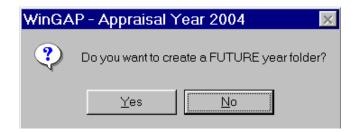


The Future Folder Tasks option on the Tools >> File Maintenance Menu produces a submenu with two options: Create Future Folder, and Send Live Schedules to Future Folder. Each of these options are explained below.

#### Create Future Folder

In order to use the Future Module in WinGAP, a Future Folder must be created in the current Appraisal Year folder. Note: It is advisable that all users be out of WinGAP when the Create Future Folder process is run.

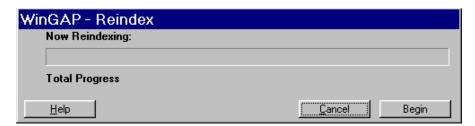
After clicking on the Create Future Folder option the user will receive the message below.



If the Future Folder is to be created at this time, Yes should be clicked. WinGAP will begin the process of creating the Future Folder. As this is done, various Bar Graphs, as seen below, will appear as the Future Folder is created and the necessary files are copied to the Future Folder.



At the conclusion of copying, WinGap will produce the Reindex Form, seen below, where the Begin Button should be clicked to Reindex the files in the Future Folder.



At the conclusion of Reindexing, the user will be returned to the main WinGAP Screen.

#### Send Live schedules to Future Folder

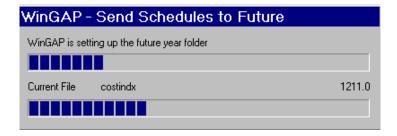
The Send Live Schedules to Future Folder option copies all schedule files to the future subfolder and should be used when schedule updates have taken place and the updates are needed in the future.



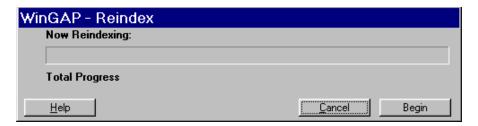
To update the Future Folder with the live schedules, the Yes Button should be clicked. Pressing Enter on the default No Button will return the user to the main WinGAP screen. After clicking the Yes Button, the user will receive a message, next page, that all users must be out of Future before proceeding.



The OK Button should be clicked, and WinGAP will send the live schedules to the Future Folder. As this is done, various Bar Graphs will appear, such as the one below.



At the conclusion of copying, WinGap will produce the Reindex Form, below, where the Begin Button should be clicked to Reindex the files in the Future Folder.

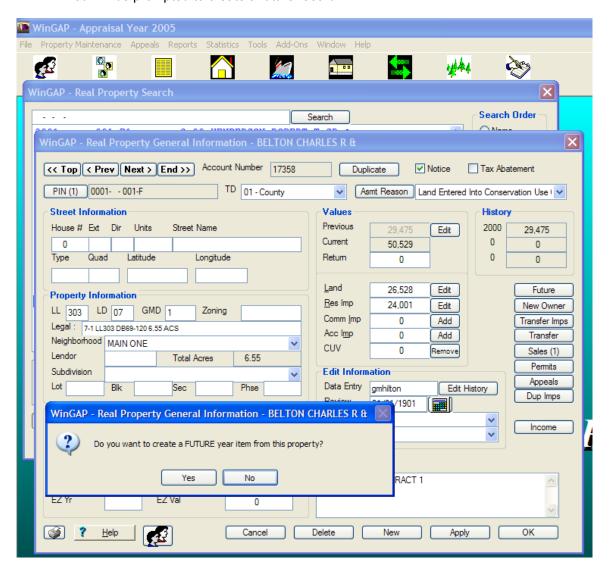


At the conclusion of Reindexing, the user will be returned to the main WinGAP Screen.

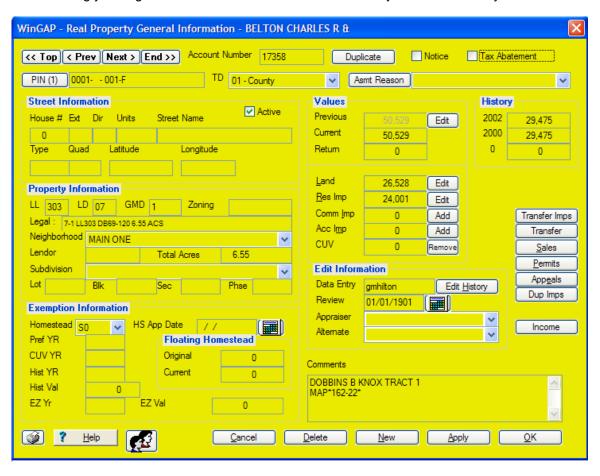
# Accessing Future Year

After the Future Folder creation process has been completed, the user may begin work in the future file in following manner:

- Search for the parcel you wish to add/edit future information
- Click the Future button
- You will be prompted to create a future record



The following yellow/gold color screen will let the user know they are in the future year.



Once the user has created some future records, the Property Maintenance Menu may also be used to access future records

- a. Click Property Maintenance
- b. Future Year



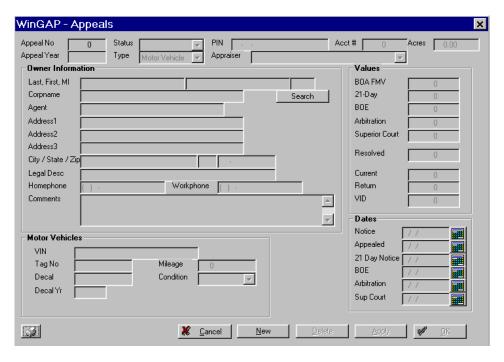


# Appeals

Continue working any pending appeals at time of digest submission.

#### Appeals Form

The Appeals Form is used to add, edit, or delete Real Property Appeals. It can also be used to Search for Appeals. The Form is accessed by clicking the **Appeals Button** located on the right of the **Real Property General Information Form**. When the Appeals Form is first accessed, and no appeals have yet been added for the Parcel, the data entry fields on the Appeals Form are "grayed out", as seen below. To add a new Appeal, the user must click the **New** Button on the Appeals Form to gain access to these fields.



The Appeals Module allows the Assessors Office to keep track of all Appeals that apply to Real Property. Only one Real Property Appeal can be added to a parcel for each Appeal Year.

**NOTE:** Personal Property and Manufactured Housing Appeals are added on the Personal Property General Information Form and on the Mobile Homes Form, respectively. Motor Vehicle Appeals are added at the Appeals Menu on the WinGAP Menu Bar. All types of Appeals can be viewed and updated at the Appeals Menu on the WinGAP Menu Bar or on the Appeals Form reached from the Real Property General Information Form.

A discussion of all fields on the Appeals Form follows. The field sequence is the same as when adding a **NEW** Appeal record. At the conclusion of entering information for <u>each</u> Appeal, the user should click the **Apply** Button at the bottom of the Form to make sure that all data entry is saved before proceeding to other tasks.

Appeal No: The Appeal Number will be assigned by WinGAP when the Appeals record is saved.

Appeal Year: The digest (appraisal) year the Appeal was filed for. The field defaults to the current appraisal year, which can be changed by the user.

Status: The current Status of the Appeal, such as Active or 21 Day. The user can click on the combo box to display a list of the valid Status types, or key the first letter of the Status description to select the Status. **A**Status must be selected initially and then maintained as the appeal progresses through the appeals process. Following is a list of the ten available status selections and their associated codes as stored by WinGAP:

Status	Code
• 21 Day	2
Active (BOA)	Α
Arbitration	Т
• BOE	В
<ul> <li>Inactive</li> </ul>	I
<ul> <li>Resolved</li> </ul>	R
<ul> <li>Superior Court</li> </ul>	S
<ul> <li>Waived</li> </ul>	D
<ul> <li>Withdrawn</li> </ul>	W
<ul> <li>BOE Final</li> </ul>	F

Pressing the Tab key takes the user to the Type field.

Type: The Type of Appeal, which in this case is Real for a Real Property Appeal.

PIN.: The Map and Parcel number field for this parcel is automatically pulled from the Real Property record for this appeal. This field is "grayed out" and is not accessible to the user.

Appraiser: The Appraiser responsible for handling the Appeal. The user can click on the combo box to display a list of the all Appraisers that have Appeal add/edit rights.

Acct #: The Acct # field for this Real Property parcel, also known as the Real Key. This field is "grayed out" and is not accessible to the user.

Acres: The Acres field displays the total acres for the parcel. This field is "grayed out" and is not accessible to the user.

#### **Owner Information Fields**

Last, First, MI: If the County uses these fields for the Owner's Name, that information will be automatically pulled from the owner record for this parcel.

CorpName: If the County uses the Corporate Name field for the owner's name, the information will be automatically pulled from the owner record for this parcel.

Agent: The individual or company designated by property owner to handle the Appeal.

Address 1, Address 2, Address 3: The billing address information for the owner will be automatically pulled from the owner record for this parcel.

City / State / Zip: The City, State, and Zip Code for this owner will be automatically pulled from the owner record for this parcel.

Legal Description: The Legal Description is automatically pulled into this field from the Real Property record for this parcel.

Home Phone: The Home Phone number of the owner of this parcel will be automatically pulled from the owner record for this parcel.

Work Phone: The Work Phone of the owner of this parcel will be automatically pulled from the owner record for this parcel.

Comments: Any Comments about the Appeal are keyed in this field.

#### Values Fields

BOA FMV: The Board of Assessors Fair Market Value, which is automatically pulled from the Real Property record for this parcel.

21 Day: The value for the property that the Board of Assessors sets after a review of the property when the appeal is initially filed.

BOE: The value for the property as determined by the Board of Equalization after they hear the Appeal. Arbitration: The property owner may choose to appeal to an arbitration board instead of the Board of Equalization. If that is true, then the value resulting from the Arbitrator's decision would be entered in the Arbitration field. NOTE: You cannot have both a BOE Value on the Appeals Form AND an Arbitration Value; it must be one or the other.

Superior Court: The value of the property as determined by the Superior Court after the Appeal is heard in Court

Resolved: The value of the property that the owner finally accepts. This can also be the case when the owner no longer appeals. An example might be if the 21-day notice is mailed and the owner does not appeal to the BOE, then the 21-day value should then be moved to resolved and the appeal status changed to resolved.

Current Value: The value of the property based upon whatever stage the Appeal is in. For example, if the BOE decision has been made, the value handed down from the BOE should appear in Current Value and also in the BOE Value field.

Return: The Return Value of the property is taken from the Return Value field on the Real and Personal Property General Info forms if the Return Value is greater than zero. Otherwise, the previous value is placed in this field. In the case of prebilled manufactured homes or motor vehicles, the Return Value must be keyed by the user. If no value is entered, WinGAP will place the BOA FMV Value in this field.

VID: The Value In Dispute, which is the difference between the Current Value and the Return Value. The VID is calculated by WinGAP. If a value is entered in one of the value fields discussed above, the user must tab through the value fields to allow the VID to be properly calculated. The VID is critical for digest submission.

#### **Dates Fields**

Notice: The Date of the Assessment Notice for the property

Appealed: The Date the appeal was filed

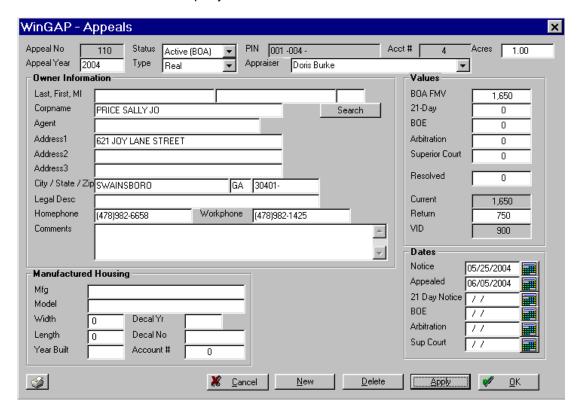
21 Day Notice: The Date the 21 Day Notice was mailed

**BOE**: The Date of the BOE decision

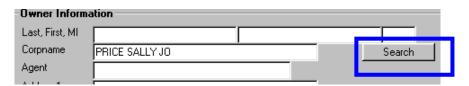
Arbitration: The Date of the Arbitration decision.

Sup Court: The Date of the Superior Court decision

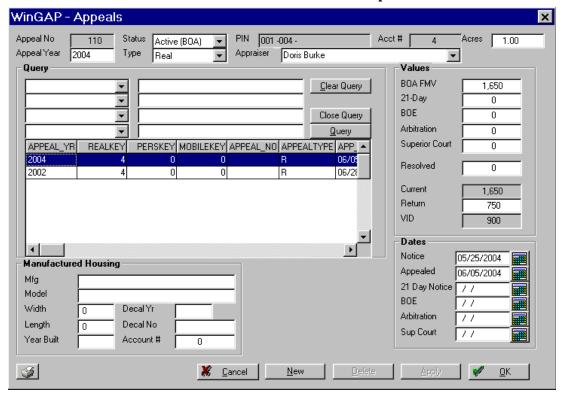
After keying all the relevant data, the Apply Button can be clicked to save the information, remain on the Appeals Form, and view the information, as seen below, or the OK Button can be clicked to save the information and return to the Real Property General Information Form.



#### **Search Button**



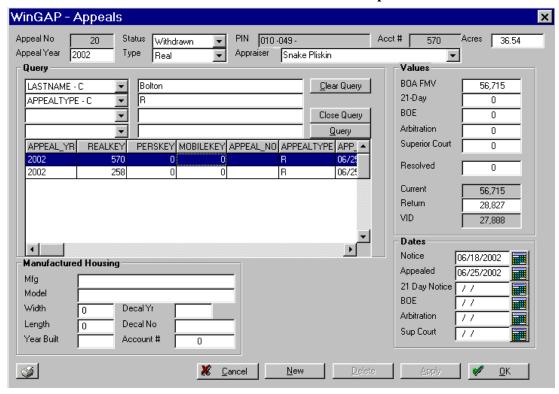
Appeals can be searched for by clicking the Appeals Search Button, to the right of the Corpname field on the Appeals Form, as seen above. This will produce the Appeals Query Form, as shown on the next page. Current and past year Appeals for this property as well as appeals for other properties can be searched for and displayed on the Query Form. The Appeal can be viewed, updated, or deleted on the Appeals Form.



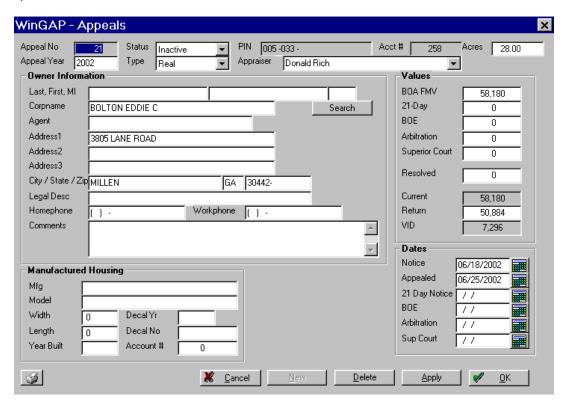
Clicking on the Search Button will display a list of all appeals for this property. If there is more than one Appeal is the list box, the information for any of these Appeal can be displayed by clicking on the desired item in the list box.

To search for other Appeals the user can employ up to four Query criteria. For example, to find all Appeals for owners with Last Names of Bolton that have an Appeal Type of R (for Real property), the user can

- click on the first Query combo box,
- · select the Last Name item from the list of field items in the Query field list,
- key the query criteria, in this case Bolton, into the field to the right of the combo box.
- the Tab key will take the user to the second Query field list,
- the Appeal Type item is selected,
- the letter R is keyed in the field to the right of the second combo box
- the user clicks the Query Button,
- a list of all appeals that meet these two criteria will display in the list box, as seen in the image on the next page.



The information for the desired Appeal is viewed by clicking on the Appeal item in the list box, which pulls the information for that Appeal into the Appeals Form, as seen below. The Appeals information can then be viewed, updated, or deleted as desired.



The user can return to the Appeals Query Form to search for another Appeal by again clicking the Search Button. The previous query can be cleared by clicking the Clear Query Button, and another Query performed, or the Query Form can be closed by clicking the Close Query Button. When all Appeal viewing and editing is finished, the user can click the OK Button on the Appeals Form to save any changes and return to the main WinGAP screen. If no changes are made or saving changes is not desired, then the user may click the Cancel button.

# **Editing An Appeal**

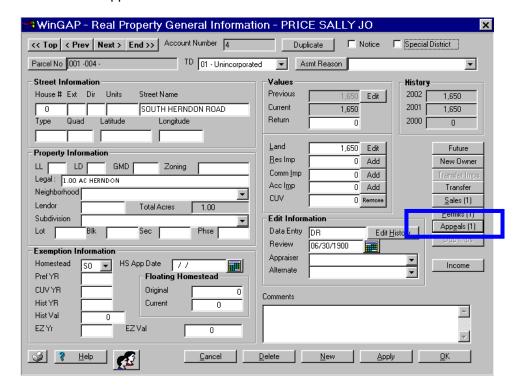
An Appeal is edited by clicking on the Appeals Button on the Real Property General Information Form. The most recently entered Appeal will display. Changes in Appeal items as Appeal Status, Values, or Dates can be made. The user should click the **Ok** Button to leave the Appeal Form.

### **Deleting An Appeal**

As on other Forms in WinGAP, the **Delete** Button at the bottom of the Appeals Form is used to delete an Appeal. The Appeal to be deleted must first be selected and displayed on the Appeals Form. After clicking the **Delete** Button the message "Are you sure you want to delete this record?" will appear, where the **Yes** Button can be clicked to delete the Appeal; clicking on the **No** Button will cancel the deletion and return the user to the Appeals Form.

#### **Exiting the Appeals Form**

After adding, editing, or deleting an Appeal, the user can leave the Form by clicking the **OK** Button, returning to the Real Property General Information Form. The Appeals Button will now display the number of Appeals for this parcel, as shown below. The **Appeals** Button can be clicked to return to the Appeals Form if further changes are needed to this Appeal.



# Searching for Appeals Menu If Parcel Has Been Deleted

The Appeals Menu, below, is used to view and track Appeals through the Appeals process on Real and Personal Property Appeals, Manufactured Housing Appeals, and Motor Vehicle Appeals. Also, Motor Vehicle Appeals are added, edited, deleted, and tracked through the Appeals process from the Appeals Menu. As shown below, there are three options on the Appeals Menu:

• Open, used to view, track, and maintain Appeals



Add Motor Vehicle, where Motor Vehicle Appeals are added



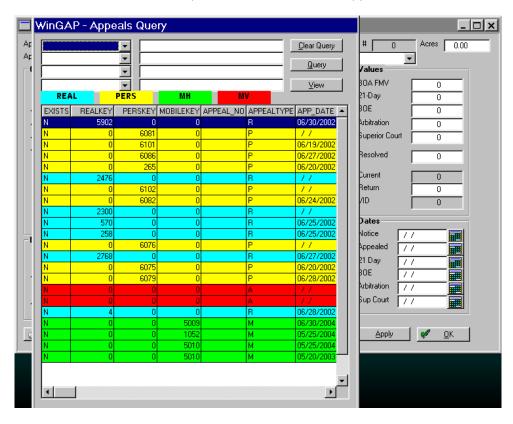
• **Utilities**, which produces a sub-menu, below, where a Status Report on Appeals can be printed and a Status Count of Appeals made.



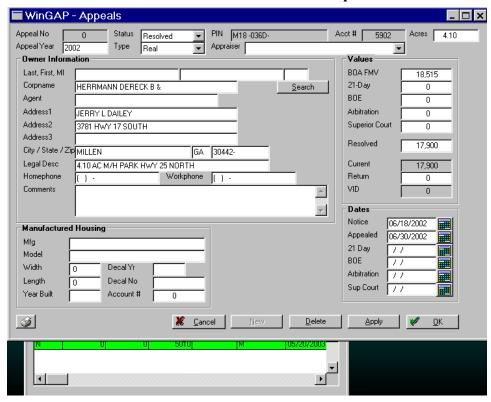
**NOTE:** Real, Personal, and Manufactured Housing Appeals **cannot** be added at the Appeals Menu. These types of Appeals should be added on the Real Property General Information Form for Real Property; on the Personal Property General Information Form for Personal Property and on the Mobile Homes Form for Manufactured Housing.

#### • Open

The Open option on the Appeals Menu produces the Appeals Query Form, superimposed on top of the Appeals Form, as seen below. Appeals can be looked up on the Query Form, and once the Appeal is selected there, the information is viewed, updated, or deleted on the Appeals Form.



A list of all appeals appear in the list box on the Appeals Query Form. The list is color coded for quick reference: Real Property Appeals are in blue; Personal Property Appeals are in yellow; Manufactured Housing Appeals are in green; and Motor Vehicle Appeals are in red. The listing of Appeals that displays on the screen can be narrowed by using any or all of the four query boxes on the upper left of the Query Form. The user can click on the combo box to select one of the items in the query field list, such as Last Name, and then key the query criteria into the field to the right of the combo box. The user then clicks the Query Button, and a list of all appeals meeting that criteria will display in the list box. The desired Appeal is selected by first clicking on the Appeal in the list box to highlight it, and then clicking on the View Button, which pulls the information for that Appeal into the Appeals Form and places the Appeals Form on top of the Query Form (see next page). The Appeals information can then be viewed, updated, or deleted as desired.

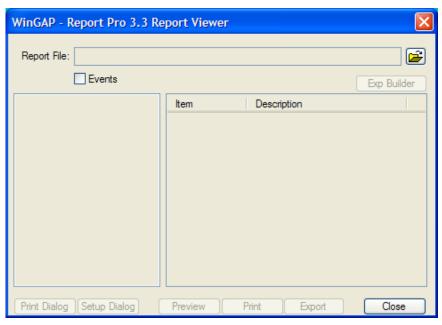


The user can return to the Appeals Query Form to search for another Appeal by either clicking the Search Button(to the right of the Corpname field), or clicking back on some visible part of the Query Form, underneath the Appeals Form. The previous query can be cleared by clicking the Clear Query Button. With all four Query fields blank, the user can click the Query Button and restore the entire list of Appeals for viewing if desired. When all Appeal viewing and editing is finished, the user can click the OK Button on the Appeals Form to save any changes and return to the main WinGAP screen. If no changes are made or saving changes is not desired, then the user may click the Cancel button.

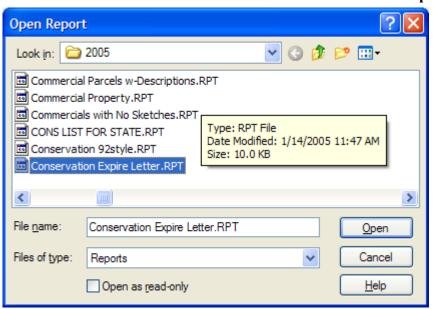
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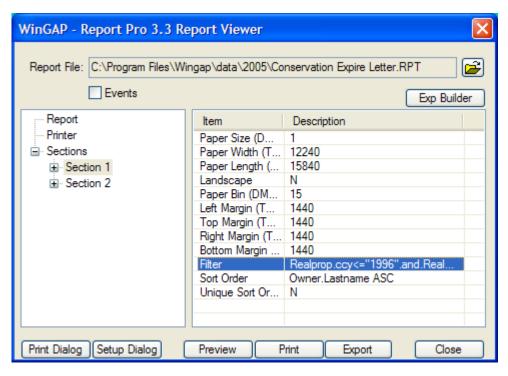
Ga Laws 48-5-7.4 (a.1)(6)(D) – At least 60 days prior to the expiration date of the covenant, the county board of tax assessors shall send by first-class mail written notification of such impending expiration.



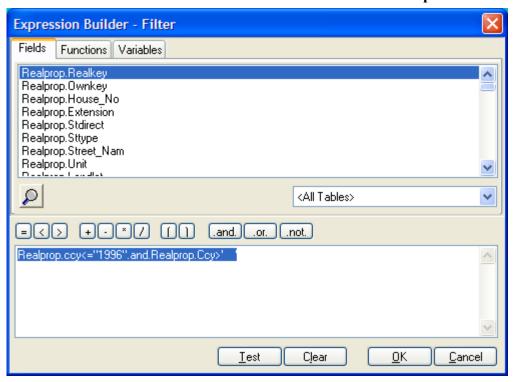


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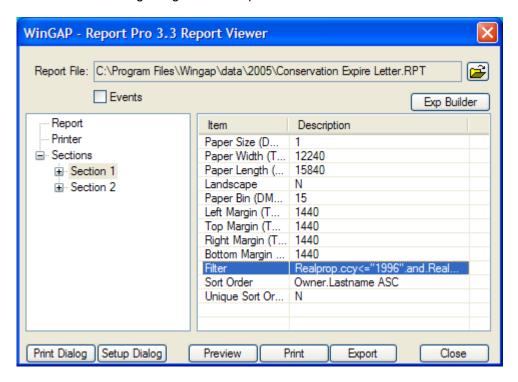




**WinGAP Technical Workshop** 



Put in the correct beginning CCY for expiration.



Echols County 420 West Main Street Ste 13

(229)559-7370

# Important Notice Expiration of Conservation Use Covenant

January 6, 2006

ABERCROMBIE RUTH 2091 LOVING ROAD MORGANTON, GA 30560

Dear ABERCROMBIE RUTH

The conservation use assessment covenant on the property listed below expired on December 31, 2005. If you wish to continue getting this agricultural exemption, you need to fill out the enclosed form and return it to us along with a \$10.00 filing fee. Please make sure your signature is notorized and returned to this office prior to April 1, 2006.

Parcel Number: 0024 046 Total Acres: 25.64

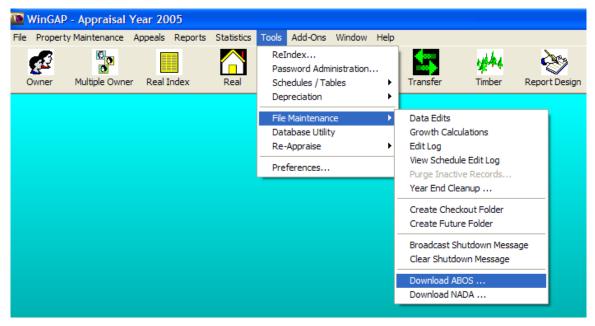
If you have any questions or if we can be of further help, please call us at 229.559.7370 or 229.559.5253.

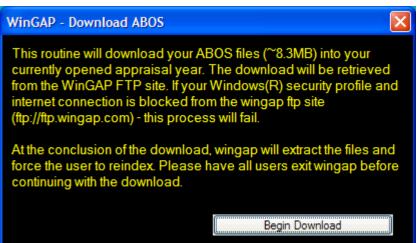
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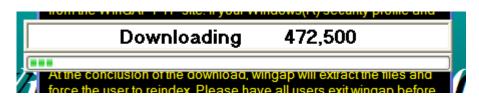
Ms. Shannon Mullis Echols County Board of Assessors

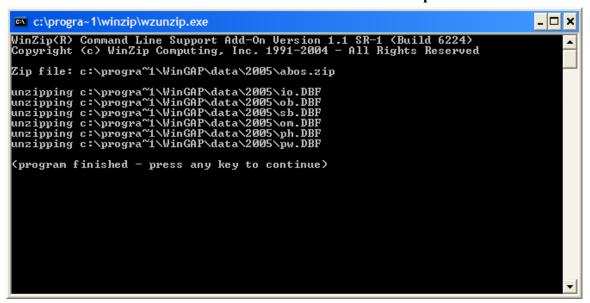
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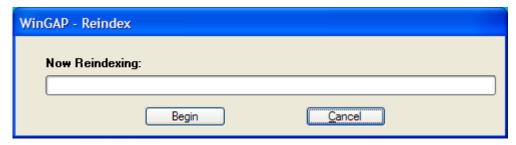
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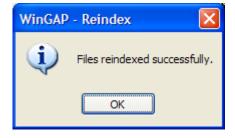






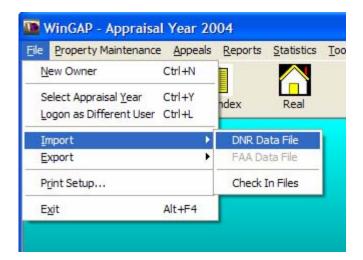


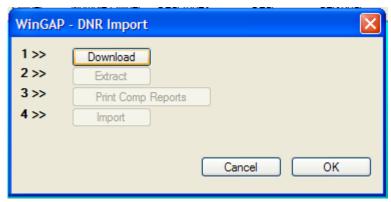




# • Importing DNR Files

# **Downloading Files**

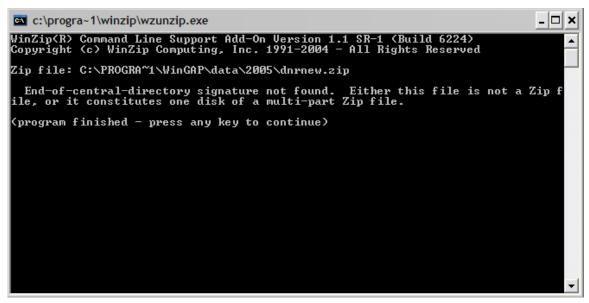


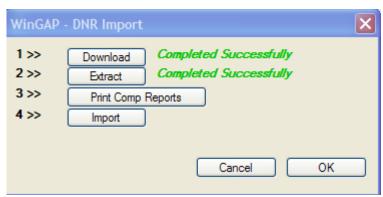




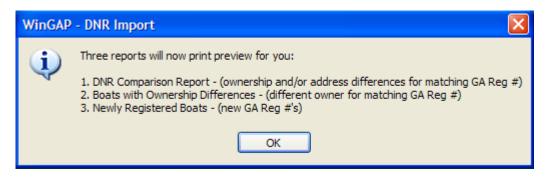
### **Extracting DNR Files**







#### **Printing 3 Reports**



# 1<sup>st</sup> DNR Report - Ownership & Address Comparison



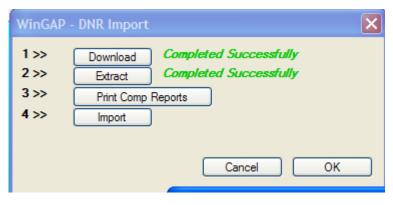
# 2<sup>nd</sup> DNR Report - Ownership Differences



#### 3rd DNR Report - Boats with New Registration Numbers

Boats with New Registration Numbers									
Ga Cert Number	Owner Name		Street City / State / Zip	Expire Added	Manufacturer Hull ID Number	Ft/In Year	Cls Ownr	Hull Prop	Boat
0189GR	ALDRIDGE JOHN W		1001 GOLFVIEW DR WAYCROSS, GA 31501	08/31/07 09/03/04	CHAPARRAL BOATS FGB04898M76H	15 0 76	A INDV	FBGL OUTB	OPEN
0409PY	ALTMAN BENNYR SR		798 AYCOCK RD WAYCROSS, GA 31503	01/31/08 02/23/05	NOAH CORPORATION DUR37659M84D	14 6 84	A INDV	ALUM OUTB	OPEN
6021KH	ALTMAN KENNETH G		3646 TANNERS LN WAYCROSS, GA 31503	09/30/07 11/09/04	SUNBIRD SFPE0436E797	17 1 97	1 INDV	FBGL OUTB	OPEN
0851PS	ALVAREZ DENNY C		5675 KITCHINGS RD WAYCROSS, GA 31503	01/31/08 06/21/05	G3 GEN30847B505	14 0 05	A INDV	ALUM OUTB	OPEN

At this point you have downloaded the latest file from provided by the Department of Natural Resources and all new boats have been identified and stored in a file. They have not been added to the digest. Unfortunately this is an interactive process.





# **DNR Status New Report**

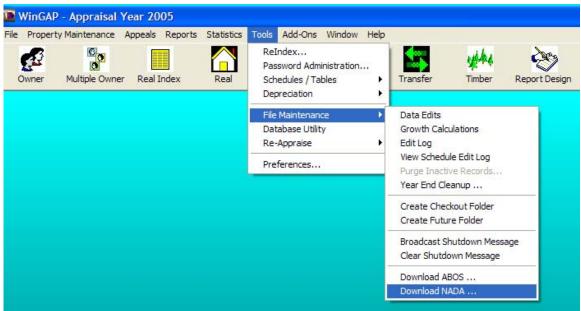


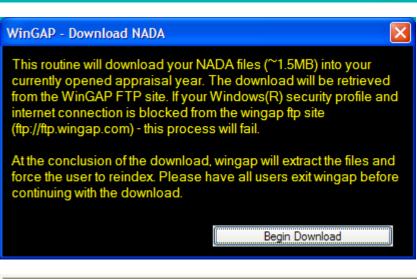
#### **DNR Import Complete**



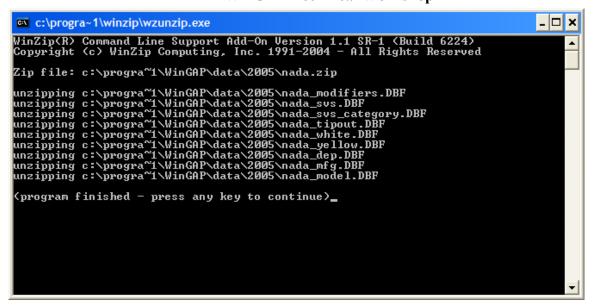
# Update NADA Tables

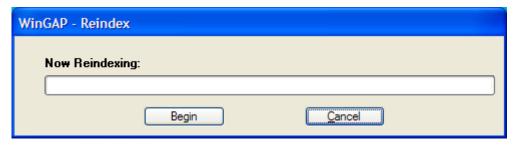
WAIT for Email from Gregg Reese prior to performing this task.

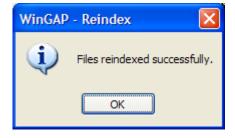








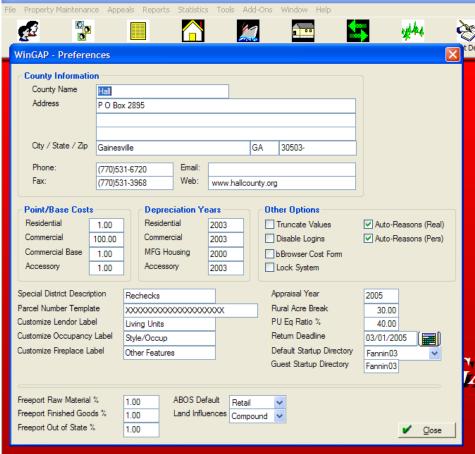




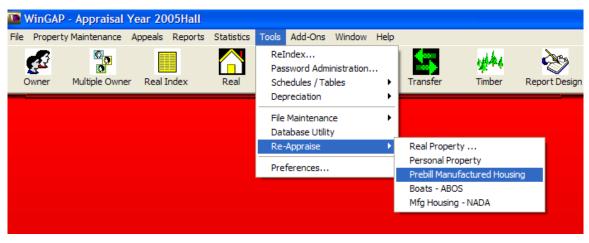
# Mobile Home Digest Preparation (By November 15)

- a. Click on Tools
- b. Click on Preferences
- c. Change Manufactured Housing Depreciation Year to match the digest year of submission
- d. Reappraise pre-bill mobile homes in order to correctly apply depreciation
- e. Export the pre-bill digest files and place them on the <a href="ftp://ftp.wingap.com">ftp://ftp.wingap.com</a> for service bureau access. (choose "all" housing types in order for the Tax Commissioner to receive a list of homestead manufactured houses for issuing decals to homesteaded manufactured housing)



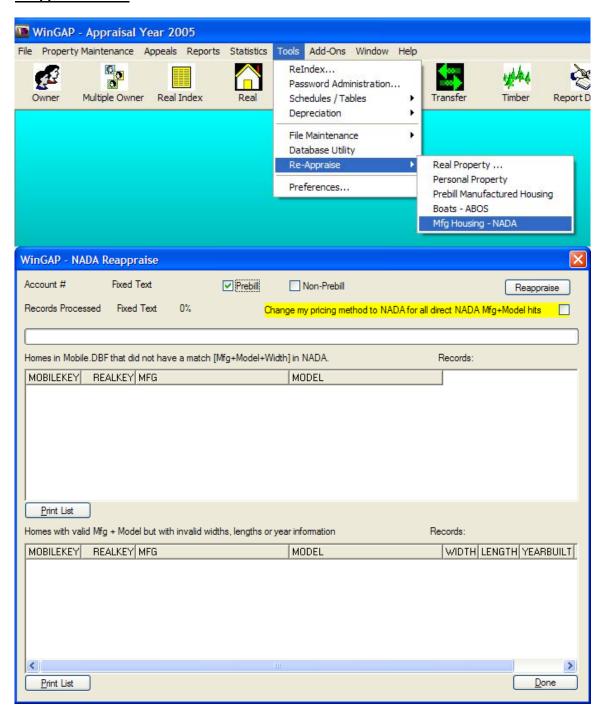


### Reappraise/Apply Depreciation - Cost Approach

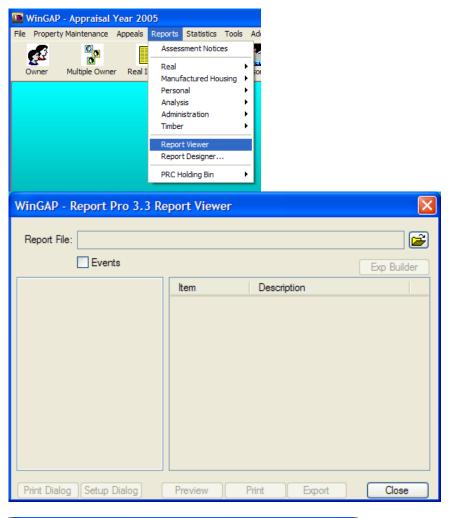


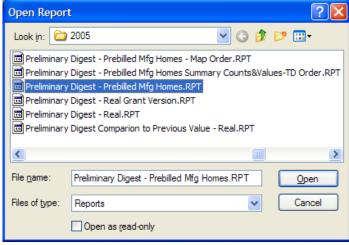


#### Reappraise NADA

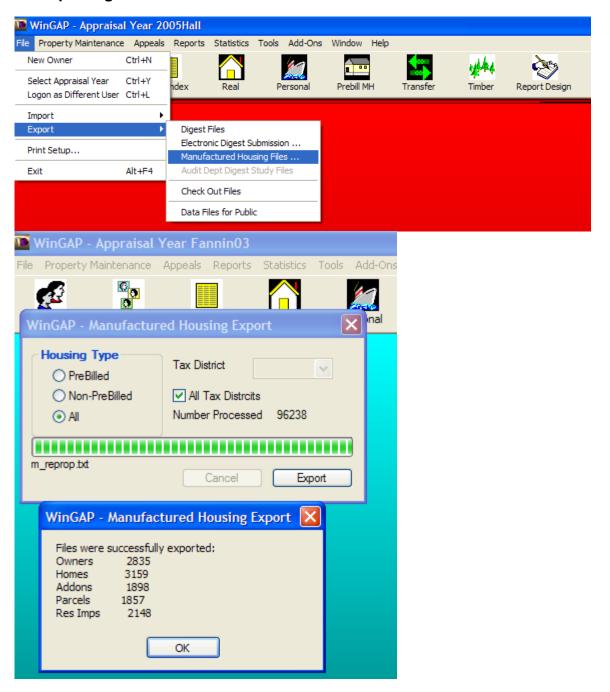


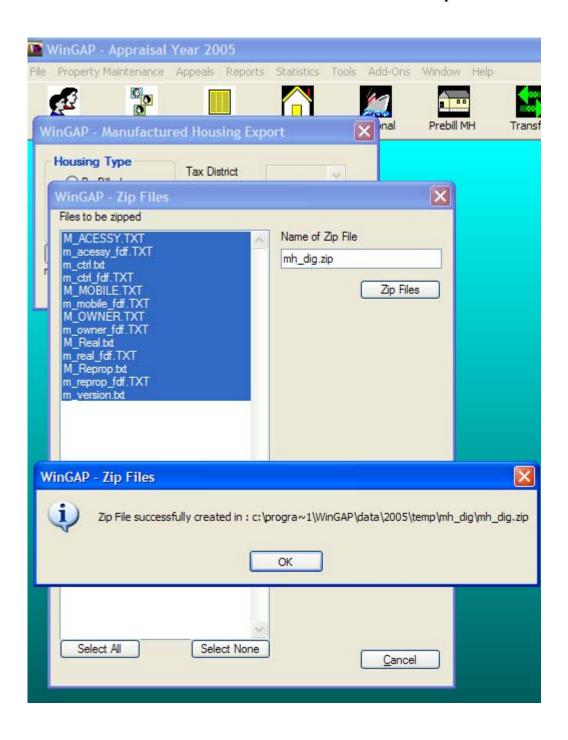
#### **Print Preliminary Digest-Prebill Mfg Housing for BOA**

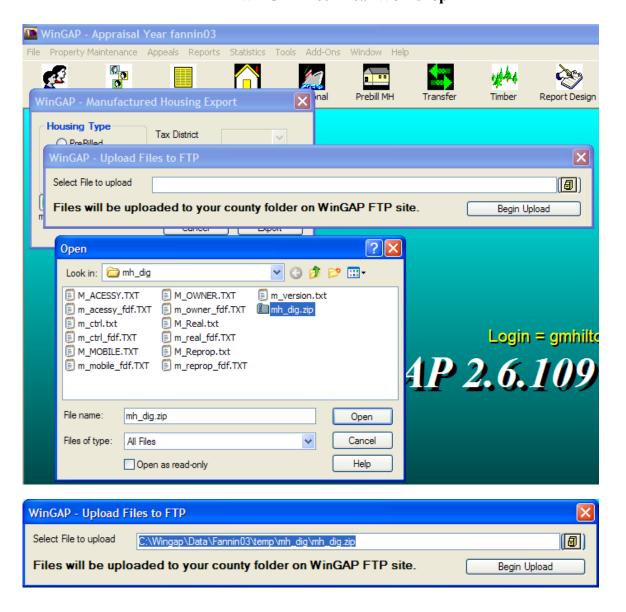




# • Exporting Mobile Home Files







# Printing Personal Property Returns





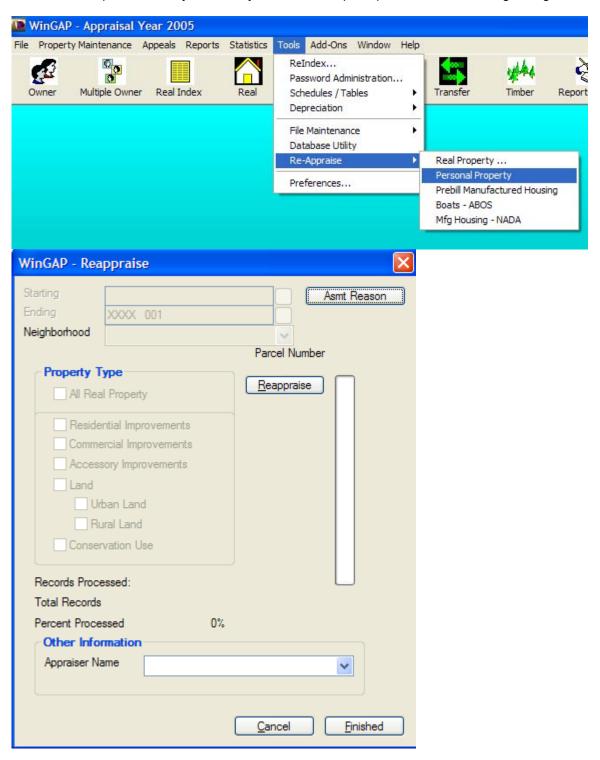
Before beginning this process you should have forms loaded and hopefully aligned. There is an alignment pattern available at the beginning of the print process to assist you in doing this. A dot matrix or other printer capable of printing continuous feed preprinted forms connected directly to the workstation's LPT1 port is necessary.

Printer Settings: 6 Lines per inch, 10 Pitch, Page Width 13 or greater.

# Reappraise Personal Property

#### **Recalculate Depreciation on Account Items**

This should be performed anytime after year end cleanup but prior to recommending changes to the BOA.



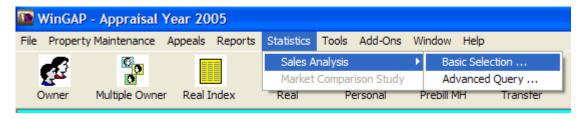
# Sales Ratio Analysis (Define the problem)

January 2, 2006

How do we define the problem?

Through ratio analysis!

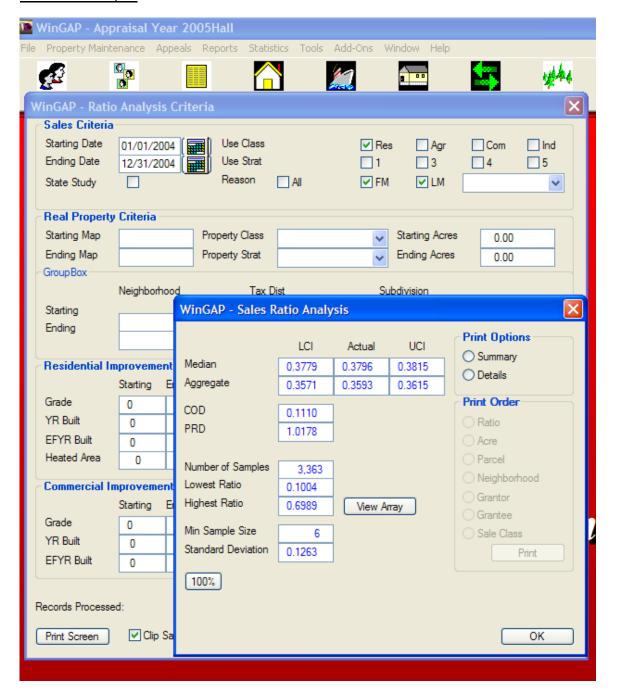
Run ratio analysis on each Class of property



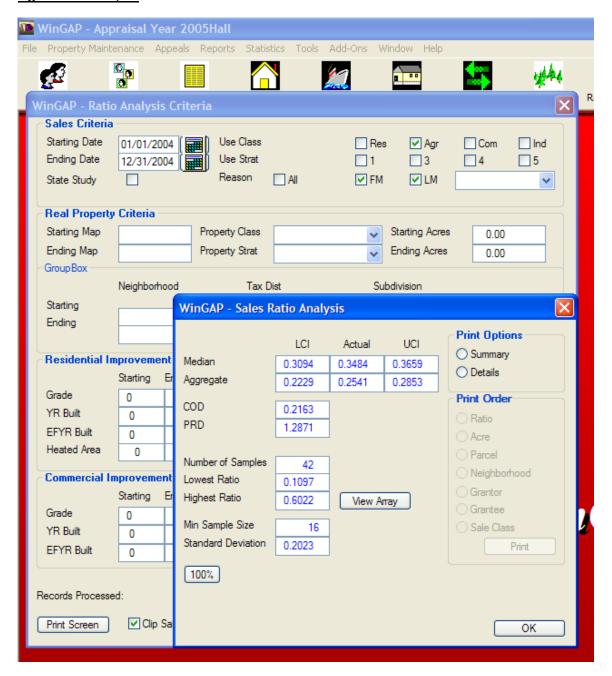
Run the ratios for each of the following criteria:

- i. Residential/LM,FM
- ii. Agricultural/LM,FM
- iii. Commercial/LM,FM
- iv. Industrial/LM,FM

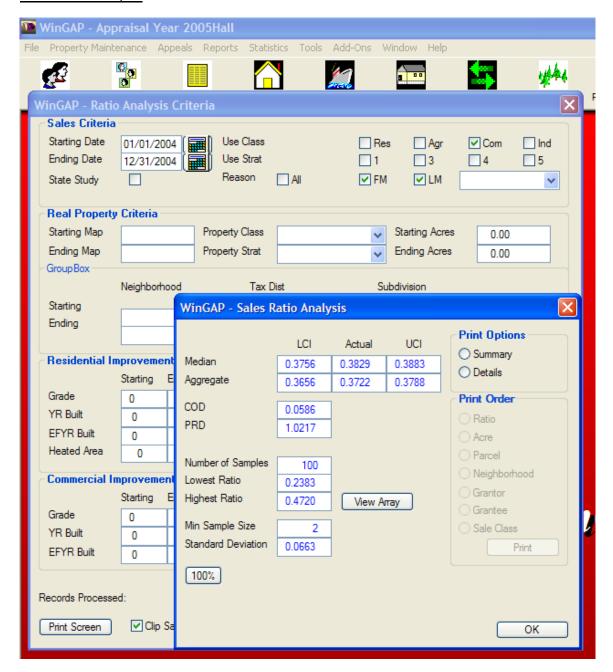
#### Residential/LM,FM



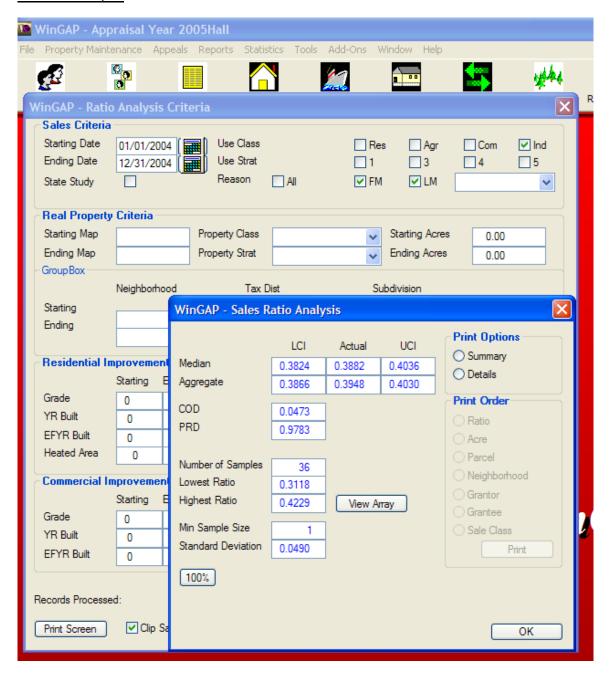
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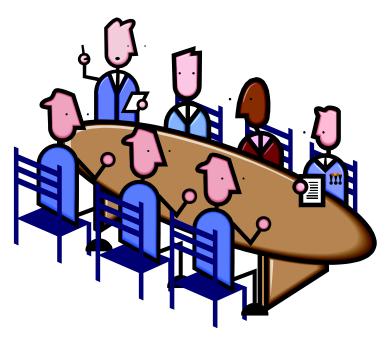


#### Commercial/FM,LM



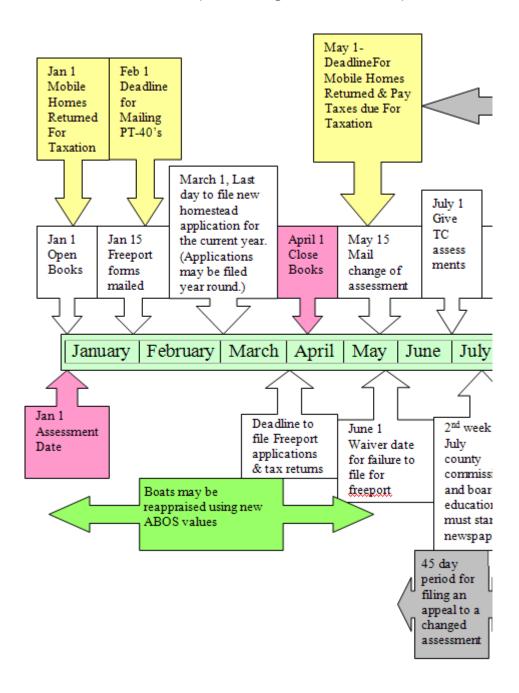
#### Industrial/LM,FM





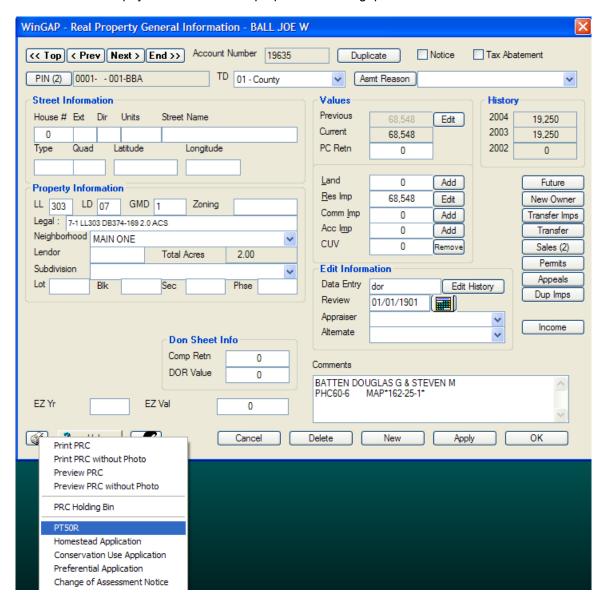
- a. Take Sales Ratio List/Results to BOA to be added to the minutes.b. This shows the BOA where the county stands on equalization, level of assessment, or bias.

# • Assessors Timeline (Before Digest Submission)



# Accepting Yearly Tax Returns

- a. Taxpayer comes in to file a return
  - i. Note that the PT50R (return) may only be printed after performing Year End Cleanup
- b. Print tax return
- c. Taxpayer fills out and signs return
- d. Place tax payers return value in proper field in wingap

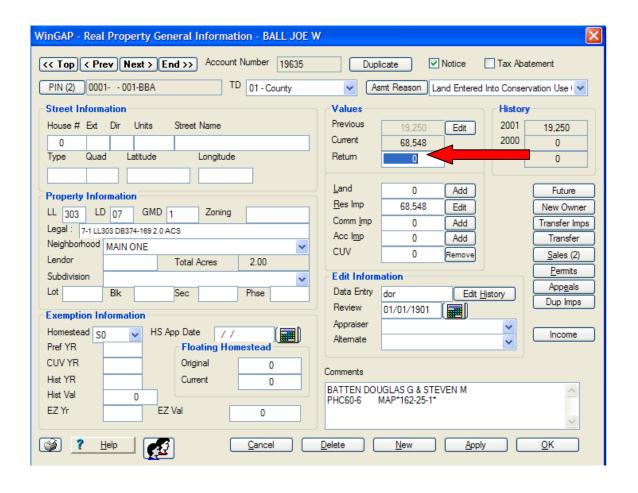


PT-50R (12/00)

# TAXPAYER'S RETURN OF REAL PROPERTY 08/15/2005 **FANNIN COUNTY TAX YEAR 2006**

O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-15(a): "All improved and unimproved real property in this state which is subject to taxation shall be returned in person or by

								issioner of the county To avoid a 10% penalt	where the real propert; v file not later			
than the due date of				,,					,			
SECTION A: PR	OPERTY IN	FORMATION										
	& PARCEL DENTIFICATION TAX DISTRICT				ACCOUNT NO.			If property is in a coverant, list year coverant first 9635				
0001 001BBA 01 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:							191	030				
7-1 LL303 DB374												
SECTION B: OV	VNER INFO	RMATION										
P REVIOUS YEAR INFORMATION					CURRENT YEAR INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS YEAR)							
NAME	BALL JOE W				NAME							
ADDRESS 1	1389 PEACHTREE STREET NE				ADDRESS 1							
ADDRESS 2	SUITE 300				ADDRESS 2	╗						
ADDRESS 3					ADDRESS 3							
CITY, STATE, ZIP	ATLANTA, GA 30309				CITY, STATE, ZIP							
DAYTIM E PHONE NO (Optional)	( ) -				DAYTIME PHONE NO (Optional)							
SECTION C: FA	NR MARKET	VALUE INFO	RMATION									
TYPE OF REAL PROPERTY	ACRES	DE	SCRIPTION OF MIP	ROVELEN	Т	*CI ST	LASS/ RATA	PREVIOUS YEAR'S 100% FAIR MARKET VALUE	CURRENT YEAR TAX PAYES 100% STATED FAIR MARKET VALUE			
LAND	2.00						R3	C				
LAND	0.00					Г		(				
IMPROVEMENT							R1	68,548				
IMPROVEMENT								(				
IMPROVEMENT								C				
IMPROVEMENT								C				
IMPROVEMENT								C				
IMPROVEMENT								(				
TOTAL	2.00							68,548				
* CLASS REFERENCE: 3	R-RESIDENTIAL A-AGRICULTURAL	C-CONMERCIAL I-INDUSTRIAL						5-LARGE TRACTS 6-PRODUCTION/STORAGE/AUXILIARY				
SECTION D: TA	X PAYER'S	DATH										
"I do solermly swear that I returned, as shown by the	have carefully read (	or have heard read) at value thereof, and if	urther swear that I re	turned, for t	he purpose of being	g taxed ti	hereon, eve	list, and that the value placed by species of property that I o not attempted either by transit ating the true worth and value	vn in my own right or have			
TAXPAYERORAGENTS	SIGNATURE					DA	KTE					
SWORN TO AND SUBSO	RIBED BEFORE ME	THISDAYO		2	TAX RE	CEVER	ORNOTA	RYPUBLIC				
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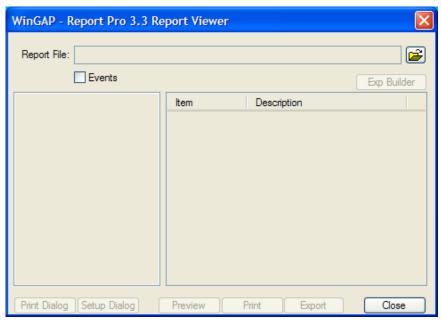


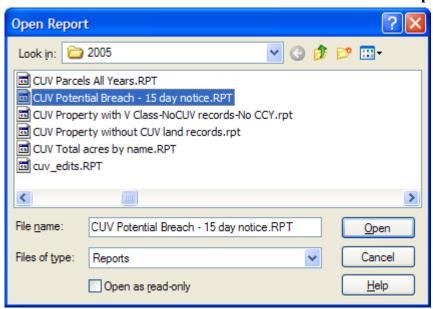
# Conservation Potential Breach 15 Day Notice

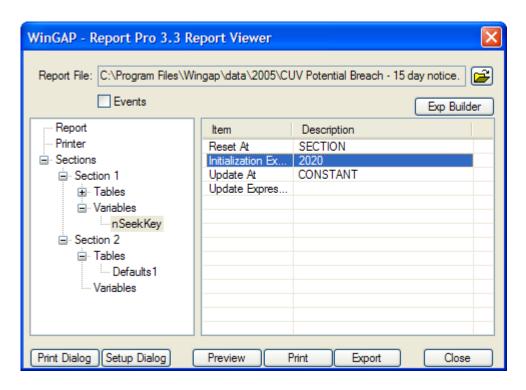
560-11-6-.04 (7) - When property receiving current use assessment and subject to a conservation use covenant is transferred to a new owner and the new owner fails to apply for a continuation of the current use assessment on or before the deadline for filing tax returns in the year following the year in which the transfer occurred, such failure may be taken by the board of tax assessors as evidence that a breach of the covenant has occurred in which case the board of tax assessors shall send to both the transferor and the transferee a notice of the board's intent to assess a penalty for the breach of the covenant. The notice shall be entitled "Notice of Intent to Assess Penalty for Breach of a Conservation Use Covenant" and shall set forth the following information:

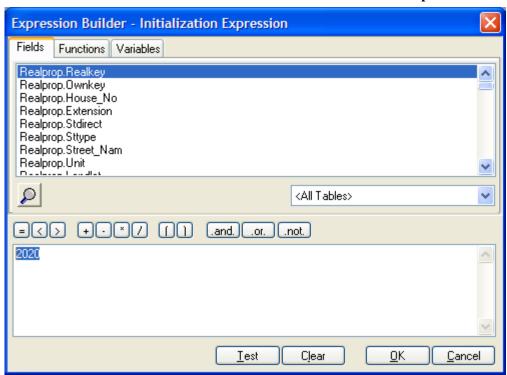
- (a) the requirement of the new owner of the property currently receiving current use assessment to apply for a continuation of the current use assessment within 15 days of the date of postmark of the notice;
- (b) the requirement of the new owner of the property currently receiving current use assessment to continuously devote the property to an applicable bona fide qualifying use for the duration of the covenant.

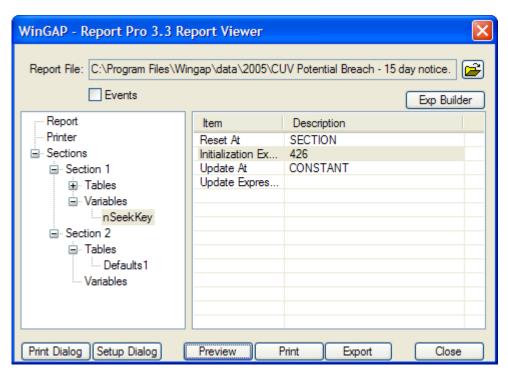












Echols County 420 West Main Street Ste 13

(229)559-7370

# Important Notice Potential Breach of Conservation Use Covenant

January 6, 2006

Dear

Due to recent a ctivity regarding your property currently under a PropertyTax covenant, the Tax Assessors office has reason to believe a potential breach of covenant may have occurred. Please contact or visit our office within 15 days of receipt of this letter in order to allow the Tax Assessors' office to make all possible effort to avoid any incorrect determinations of potential breaches to your tax

Parcel Number : Total Acres : 0.00

If you have any questions or if we can be of further help, please call us at 229.559.7370 or 229.559.5253.

Sincerely,

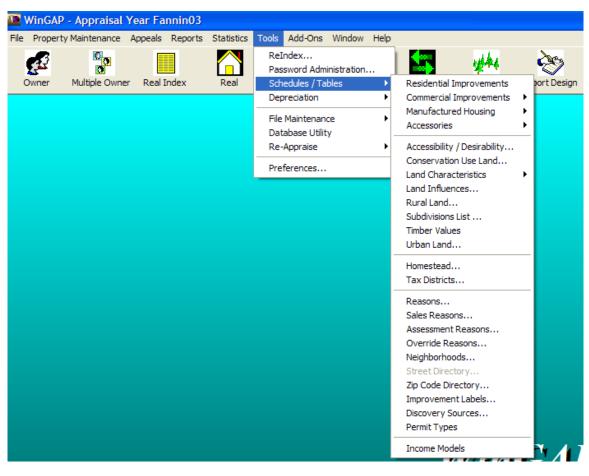
Ms. Shannon Mullis Echols County Board of Assessors

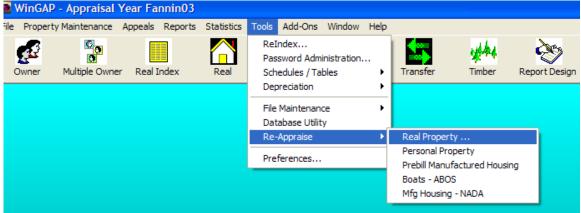
# Schedule changes and reappraise Real Property

#### R, A, C, I - Land/Building Table Changes

If schedule changes have been made, run reappraise for the property type that is impacted by the schedule modification

Note that it is always a good idea to run reappraise by each property type to ensure that all current values are calculated correctly.





#### **CUV Schedule Changes**

#### **Download New Year CUV Table of Values**

Make changes to Conservation Use tables per current year table of values and run Conservation Use reappraise. New year CUV schedules may be obtained at <a href="https://www.etax.dor.ga.gov">www.etax.dor.ga.gov</a>



#### Find-it-Fast

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#### **RULES FOR 2005 CONSERVATION USE VALUES**

Tax Liens

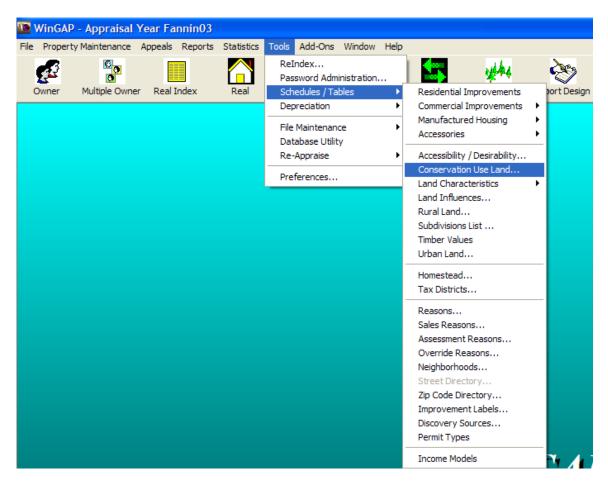
The Department of Revenue adopted the proposed Rule on March 29, 2005. <u>Click here</u> for additional information.

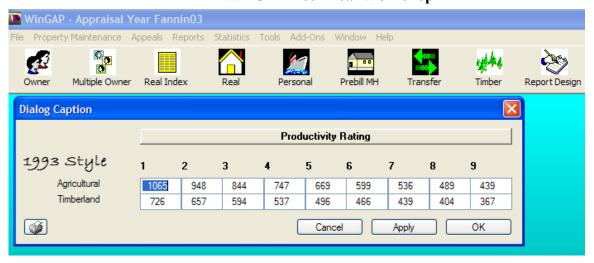
#### 560-11-6-.09 Table of Conservation Use Land Values.

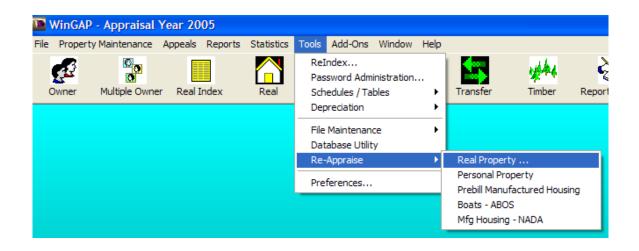
For the purpose of prescribing the current use values for conservation use land, the state shall be divided into the following 9 Conservation Use Valuation Areas (CUVA 1 through CUVA 9) and the following accompanying table of per acre land values shall be applied to each acre of qualified land within the CUVA for each soil productivity classification for timber land (W1 through W9) and agricultural land (A1 through A9):

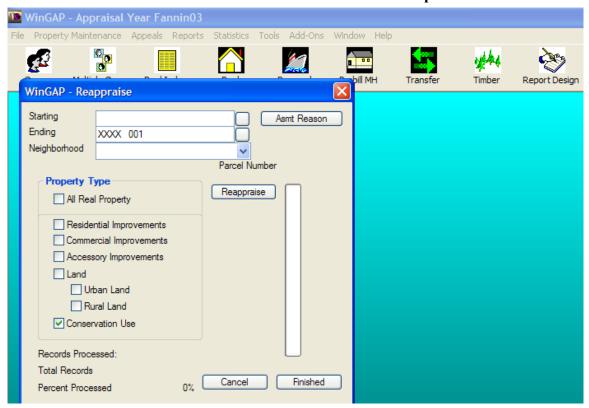
- (a) CUVA #1 counties: Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Floyd, Gordon, Murray, Paulding, Polk, Walker, and Whitfield. Table of per acre values: W1-585, W2-526, W3-477, W4-438, W5-402, W6-374, W7-351, W8-323, W9-294, A1-1060, A2-1003, A3-927, A4-850, A5-769, A6-688, A7-612, A8-537, A9-462;
- (b) CUVA #2 counties: Barrow, Cherokee, Clarke, Cobb, Dawson, Dekalb, Fannin, Forsyth, Fulton, Gilmer, Gwinnett, Hall, Jackson, Lumpkin, Oconee, Pickens, Towns, Union, Walton, and White. Table of per acre values: W1-792, W2-716, W3-647, W4-586, W5-540, W6-507, W7-478, W8-440, W9-400, A1-1161, A2-1035, A3-921, A4-815, A5-730, A6-653, A7-585, A8-533, A9-478;

#### **Enter New Year Table of Values into WinGAP**





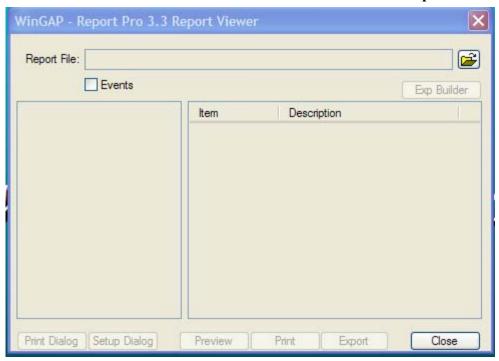


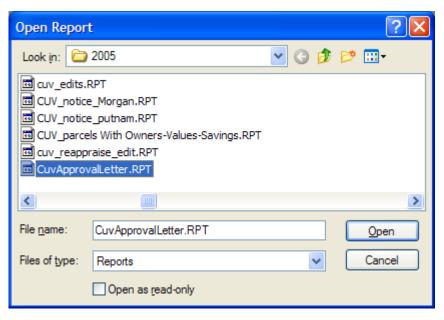


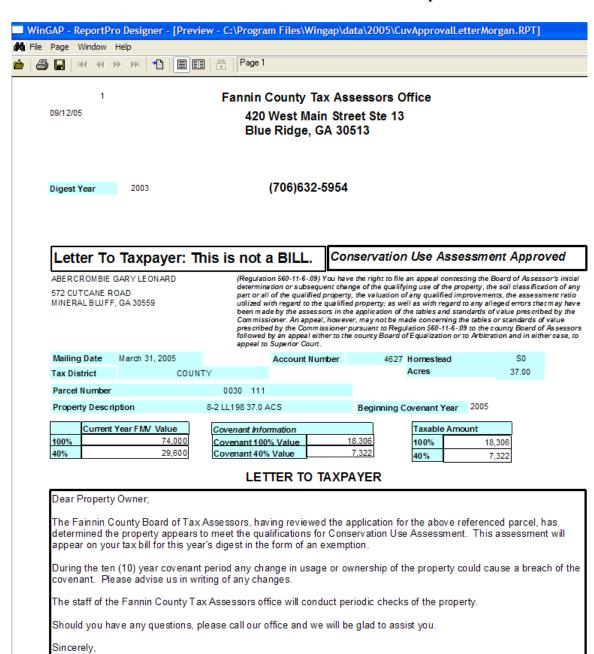
#### **CUV New Year Application Approval Letters**

Mail out letters for Approved New Year Conservation Applications notifying the taxpayer.









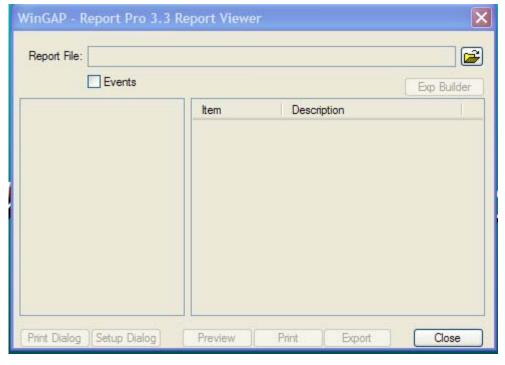
Fannin County Tax Assessors' Office

#### **Detailed CUV Parcel Report in CUV year/parcel order**

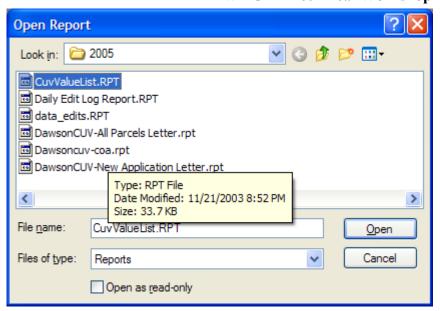
Make sure you run this report in the *Report Viewer*.

Other wise you will have to reselect the tables to get current digest year information.

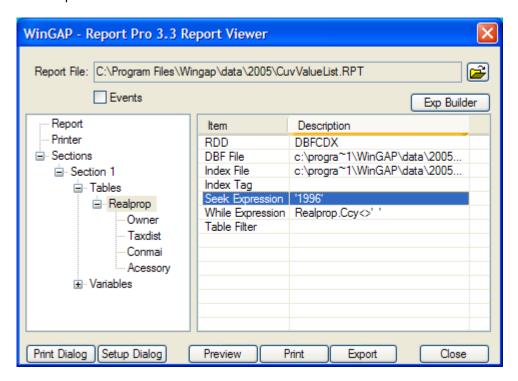




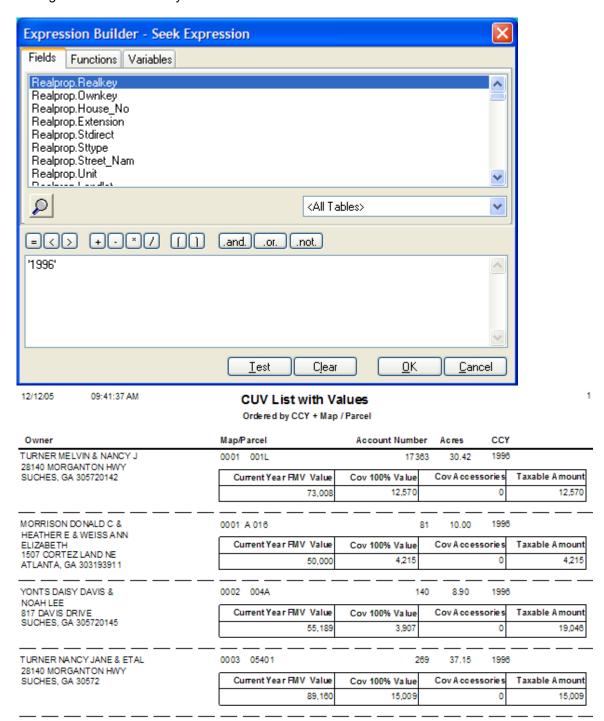
**WinGAP Technical Workshop** 



Click the plus (+) sign until you see the realprop table. Highlight Realprop table, then highlight Seek Expression. Click Exp Builder.



Change Year to fit the first year of the earliest covenant.

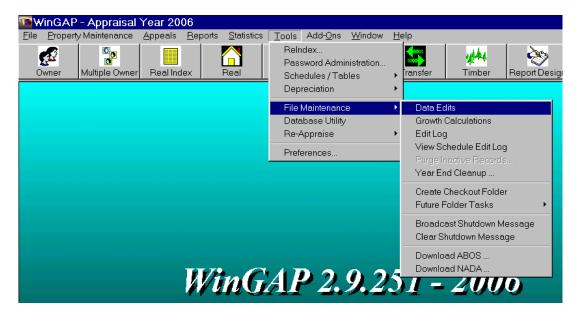


### Preliminary Assessment Notice Work

#### **Run Data Edits**

Note: If you receive an error concerning Visual FoxPro Libraries, contact Tech Support for assistance.

The File Maintenance option on the Tools Menu is used to access a supplemental menu, shown below:



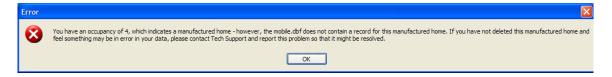
The Data Edits menu option provides the WinGAP Administrator with a means of checking data integrity prior to sending change of assessment notices, running digest exports or at any time such a check is desired. Before the Data Edits routine can be run the data\_edits.exe must be present in the WinGAP folder and the data\_edits.rpt file must be present in the appraisal year where the edits are being run.

At the conclusion of the routine, the user will be presented a preview of the Data Edits report. The user can elect to print all of the report, select a range of pages to print or print none of the report.

The following checks and edits are made during the All Data Edits routine:

- a. Owners w/o property
- **b.** Parcels w/o property items (land, res imps, comm imps, accessories)
- c. Res imps w/ mh occupancy and no mobile home record
- **d.** Comm imps w/ extra feature value but no extra features
- **e.** Personal Prop Accts w/o property items (cost, boats, etc)
- **f.** Parcels/Accts where the sum of items does not equal current value (current value is corrected in such situations)
- **g.** Orphaned records (records that do not have a parent, i.e. parcels with no owner, res imps not attached to a parcel, etc)
- h. Property with zero value
- i. Properties that exceed user specified min and max values
- i. Homesteaded parcels w/o improvements
- k. Properties w/ missing digest codes
- I. Conservation Use Covenant issues
- m. Preferential Covenant issues
- n. Freeport Exemption data problems
- o. Mfg Housing data problems

- p. Change of Assessment Reason assignments
- q. Parcels and Personal Property Accounts that have a value difference but no COA Reason/Not Flagged for Notice
- r. Mfg Housing class assignments
- s. Life Expectancy Assignments for Mfg Housing
- t. Land Type/Class Validation
- u. Sketch / Photo Validation
- **a. Owners w/o Property** These are owners that have no real, personal or prebilled mfg housing accounts assigned to them. There is no harm in leaving these records in WinGAP except for the confusion that may result from having owner information that does not relate to any property type. Owners without property can be removed from the system by:
  - i. Performing an Owner Search and locating the owner on the report
  - ii. Confirm that the selected owner has no property assigned (check the Assessment Info and Value section of the screen for numbers and values greater than zero)
  - iii. If the non-existence of property is confirmed, click the Delete button
  - iv. Key the password which is delete
  - v. Repeat steps 1 4 until all owners are removed
- **b. Parcel w/o property items** Parcels included in this section of the report have no property components such as land, residential improvements, commercial improvements, accessories, etc. assigned to them. These parcels should be reviewed and deleted if they were entered in error. The user should also check to see if the owner of a parcel without property has any more property assigned to him/her. If no other property has been assigned, the owner may also be deleted in the manner described above for "owners w/o property."
- c. Residential improvements with mfg housing occupancy and no mobile home record On rare occasions a user may receive the following error message when accessing residential improvements:



The message states that: You have an occupancy of 4, which indicates a manufactured home – however, the mobile.dbf does not contain a record the manufactured home. If you have not deleted the manufactured home and fee something may be in error in your data, please contact Tech Support and report the problem so that it may be resolved.

Residential improvements that appear on in this section of the Data Edits report will produce the above error message. If the mfg home was deleted and the residential improvement was not removed but should have been, the user can correct the problem in the following manner.

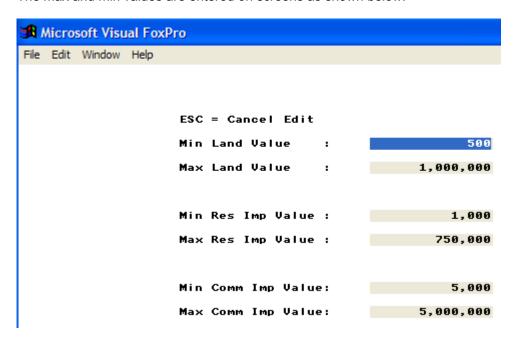
- i. Using the improvement key, proceed to the improvement (the improvement in question may not be the first residential improvement that appears.)
- ii. Change the occupancy to an occupancy other than Mobile Homes and delete the improvement or add the missing mfg housing information.
- iii. If the improvement cannot be accessed, contact Tech Support

**d. Commercial improvements with extra feature value but no extra features** – These commercial improvements would be improvements that have an extra feature value in the

commercial improvement record and consequently included in the commercial building value but there are no extra features present. The user should confirm that the extra features should have been removed and when the commercial improvement is edited the extra feature value will be set to zero. If the extra features should be present, they will need to be added to the improvement.

- **e. Personal property accounts without property items** Accounts included in this section of the report have no property components such as inventory, machinery & equipment, boats, etc. assigned to them. These accounts should be reviewed and deleted if they were entered in error. The user should also check to see if the owner of an account without property has any more property assigned to him/her. If no other property has been assigned, the owner may also be deleted in the manner described above for "owners w/o property."
- f. Parcels/Accounts where the sum of the items does not equal current value
- On occasions, due to errors/aborts or work in FoxPro, a parcel or personal property account's current value may not equal the sum of the property components. Such situations are listed within this section of the Data Edits report. The Data Edits routine corrects the current value by setting it to the sum of the property components but the parcels/accounts are brought to the attention of the user. All edits are critical but this edit is especially critical before the printing of Change of Assessment Notices. The current value is printed on the notice and it is imperative that it is correct.
- **g. Orphaned records** Orphaned records are parcels that do not have an owner, residential improvements that do not have a parcel assigned to them, boats that do not have an account, etc. Orphaned records may occur as a result of errant data management routines, by issues within WinGAP or hardware malfunction. Orphaned records should be a rarity. However, if any orphaned records should exist Data Edits will report them and also remove them from the system.
- **h. Property with zero value** The routine identifies all property (real, personal, mfg housing) that has a zero value. A property is determined to have a zero value when both the calculated value and the override value are zero. In some cases, this could be legitimate. However, in most situations the zero value is a result of a data entry error. Some examples of data entry error are a grade of 0, obsolescence and depreciation factors of 0, etc. On some occasions, zero values could be the result of problems in schedules where the appraiser has entered a unit value or factor that results in a zero calculated value.
- **i. Properties that exceed user specified max and min values** This section of the Data Edits routine allows the user to specify a maximum legitimate value and a minimum legitimate value for each property type. The routine will then check for property that exceeds that maximum value and property that is greater than zero but is less than the minimum value. The goal is to identify properties that have extremely high values or extremely low values. These properties can then be reviewed for accuracy.

The max and min values are entered on screens as shown below:



The max and min values are saved in a table and presented to the user the next time the routine is run. If desired, the user may skip the max-min edit routine by press ESC.

- **j. Homesteaded parcels without improvements** The parcels reported during this portion of Data Edits are those that have a homestead code other than S0 or blank but do not have a residential improvement. In some situations, a homestead maybe assigned to a parcel with a commercial improvement or perhaps even an accessory improvement but these are exceptions and will be reported as potential errors by the edit.
- **k. Properties with missing digest codes** Parcels and property items with missing or invalid digest codes are reported by this edit routine. The digest classification and digest stratification are checked independently and if either digest code is blank or invalid, the property will be listed. The routine does not check for an invalid mix of codes such as a digest class of Commercial (C) assigned to an improvement with Conservation Use (V) classed land or a Residential improvement (R) placed on Agricultural classed (A) land.
- **I. Conservation Use Edit** Parcels with CCY year and no records in Conmai.dbf. Parcels with Conmai records but no CCY or V digest code.
- **m. Preferential Covenants Checks** Parcels with PCY year and no check in preferential land sub-records. Parcels with no PCY and a check in preferential sub-records.
- **n. Freeport Exemption Problems** Accounts with application date not equal to digest year. Incorrect values in Gross and Net fields.
- **o. Mfg Housing Edits** The following checks are performed during the Data Edits routine on Manufactured Housing data;

- 1) Invalid class assignment to a mfg housing record (EX, VG, GD, AV, FR and LC are the valid classes)
- 2) Class assignment to a mfg home does not match the class assignment in the Mfg/Model table
- **p. Change of Assessment Reason Edits** Real property and personal property accounts are checked for the existence of a notice flag and no COA reason or the existence of a COA reason (excluding the reason code NN No Notice) and no notice flag.
- **q. Parcels and Personal Property Accounts that have a value difference but no COA Reason/Not Flagged for Notice** Real property and personal property accounts that have a value difference but no COA reason or the existence of a COA reason (excluding the reason code NN No Notice) and no notice flag are checked.
- **r. Mfg Housing Class Assignments** The Class assignment made to a mobile home record is compared to the assignment in the Mfg Housing table and reported when the two are not the same.
- **s. Life Expectancy Assignments** Life Expectancy assignments made to Mobile Home records are compared to Life Expectancy for the Mfg/Model entry in the Mfg Housing table and reported when the two are not the same.
- **t. Land Type/Class Validation** Land Types and Classes are validated against the Rural Land schedule and reported when they are not found in the table.
- **u. Sketch / Photo Validation** A function for synchronizing the value of the sketch and photo fields with existing data / photographs has been added. This can be used when sketches or photos are manipulated outside of WinGAP application control.

#### **Data Edits Report**

At the completion of the edit routines, the user is presented a preview of the Data Edits report. The report can be printed in its entirety, by selected pages or previewed only. An example of the report can be seen below.

03/07/2005	WinGAP Data Edit			1		
Problem	MapID	Prop Type	Key	Parent File	Parent Key	
Owners w/o child records		Owner	15466		0	
Owners w/o child records		Owner	15483		0	
Parcels w/o child records	001 003Y	Real	5174		0	
Parcels w/o child records	004 005Y	Real	5194		0	
Parcels w/o child records	0058002	Real	4218		0	
Parcels w/o child records	0059024	Real	4217		0	
Parcels w/o child records	100 001	Real	4226		0	
Parcels w/o child records	123 001	Real	4231		0	
Parcels w/o child records	123 333	Real	4230		0	
Parcels w/o child records	222	Real	5212		0	
Parcels w/o child records	222 999	Real	4227		0	
Parcels w/o child records	900	Real	4233		0	
Parcels w/o child records	TEST 099	Real	5193		0	
Parcels w/o child records	TESTIT	Real	5191		0	
Res Imps (MH) w/o mobile records	005 009	Res Imp	2460	Real	53	
Res Imps (MH) w/o mobile records	005 016	Res Imp	2370	Real	60	
Res Imps (MH) w/o mobile records	005 026	Res Imp	2065	Real	70	
Res Imps (MH) w/o mobile records	008 009	Res Imp	2247	Real	83	
Res Imps (MH) w/o mobile records	008 027	Res Imp	2014	Real	3581	
Res Imps (MH) w/o mobile records	011 018	Res Imp	2237	Real	160	
Res Imps (MH) w/o mobile records	012 014	Res Imp	54	Real	175	
Res Imps (MH) w/o mobile records	012 016	Res Imp	57	Real	177	
Res Imps (MH) w/o mobile records	014 017	Res Imp	2408	Real	215	

Following is an explanation of each column in the report:

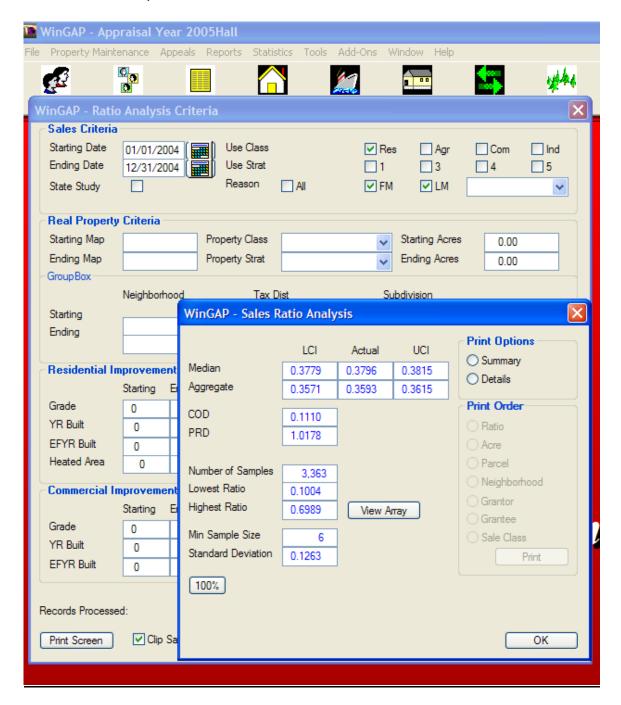
- Problem a definition of the edit that produced an entry on the report
- MapID the map and parcel identifier
- Prop Type the property type that has been identified as having a problem
- Key the unique key number that is associated with the record having the problem
- Parent File Some property items can only be accessed through another property type known as its
  parent which is identified in this column. For example, a residential improvement cannot be accessed
  directly. The user must first locate the parcel, open the residential improvement with the Edit button and
  identify the improvement in question with the key identifier from the Key column. In this case, the parent
  file would be Real and the property type would be Res Imp.
- Parent Key the account number for the parent property type

Correct issues noted in Data Edits Report

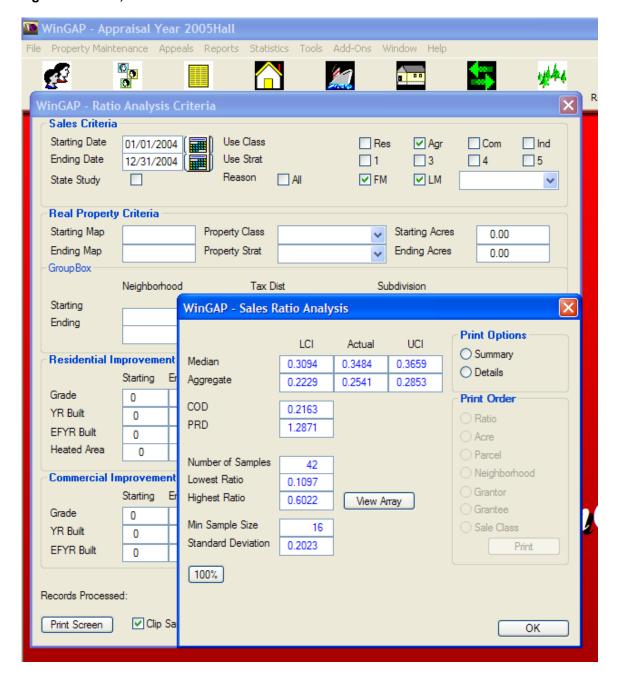
#### Final Sales Ratio Analysis (Problem Fixed)

Rerun ratio analysis by class to see if you have solved any level of assessment, equalization, or bias problems.

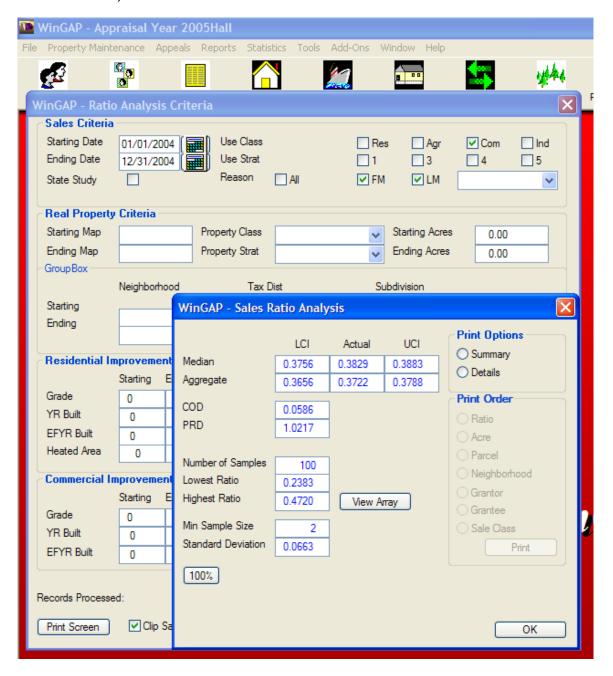
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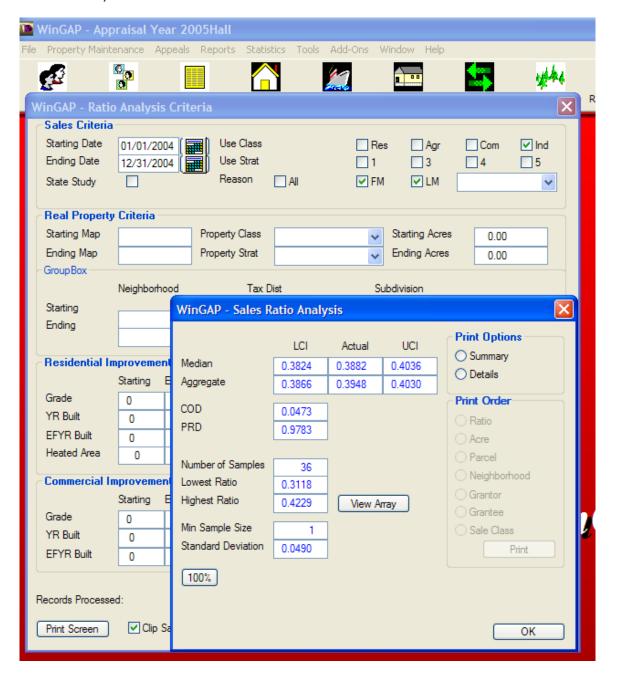
#### Agricultural/LM,FM

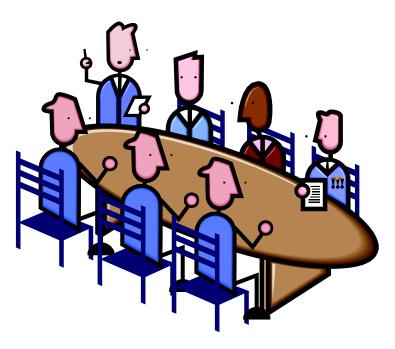


#### Commercial/FM,LM



#### Industrial/LM,FM





Take to Sales Ratio List/Results to BOA to be added to the minutes for approval of values for the current year digest. (This shows the BOA where the county stands on equalization and level of assessment)